

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-7 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A peripheral unit management system to manage a plurality of peripheral units ~~by using a peripheral unit manager via a network, wherein each of the plurality of peripheral units has the peripheral unit manager stores~~ property information and address information corresponding to each peripheral unit to access the peripheral unit on the network, comprising:

a reading unit reading the property information and the address information ~~corresponding to from each of the peripheral units by communicating with each of the peripheral units;~~

a determining unit determining ~~whether or not one that one~~ of the peripheral units has been replaced ~~based on when~~ the property information read does not coincide with the property information stored in the peripheral unit manager, and of the peripheral units when detecting that the address information of ~~a one of the peripheral unit units~~ is new, and

an obtaining unit obtaining the new data address information of the peripheral unit, and, when the property information read does not coincide with the property information stored in the peripheral unit manager, storing the property information read and the new data related to the property information and the address information of the one of the peripheral unit units ~~when the determining unit determines that the peripheral unit has been replaced, or, when the property information read does coincide with the property information stored in the peripheral unit manager, storing the data being accumulated in for the peripheral unit with the new address information after setting the property information to correspond to the new address information when the determining unit determines that the peripheral unit has not been replaced.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The peripheral unit management system according to claim 1, wherein each peripheral unit comprises:

a main body having a first recording medium ~~that records to record~~ the property

information_i and

a board having a second recording medium ~~that records~~to record the address information, wherein the board is inserted to and removed from the main body and performs a connecting function to the network to enable each peripheral unit to transmit the property information and the address information and determines whether or not the main body of the peripheral unit has been replaced.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The peripheral unit management system according to claim 1, wherein each peripheral unit comprises:

a main body ~~not having a recording medium that records the property information_i and~~

a board having a first recording medium ~~that records~~to record the property information and a second recording medium ~~that records~~to record the address information, wherein the board is inserted to and removed from the main body and performs a connecting function to the network to enable each peripheral unit to transmit the property information and the address information over the network, and when the board is replaced, the management system reads the address information recorded in the second recording medium, and determines whether or not the main body of the peripheral unit has been replaced.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A peripheral unit management method to manage a plurality of peripheral units ~~by using~~a peripheral unit manager via a network, wherein ~~each of the plurality of peripheral units has corresponding~~the peripheral unit manager stores property information ~~of the peripheral unit and address information~~corresponding to each peripheral unit to access the peripheral unit over the network, comprising:

communicating with each of the peripheral units_i ~~and~~

reading the ~~corresponding~~ property information and the address information ~~corresponding to~~from each of the peripheral units;

determining ~~whether or not~~that one of the peripheral units has been replaced ~~based on when~~the property information read does not coincide with the property information stored in the peripheral unit manager, and ~~of the peripheral units~~when detecting that the address information of one of the peripheral unit units is new;

obtaining the new data-address information of the peripheral unit_i; and

when the property information read does not coincide with the property information stored in the peripheral unit manager, storing the data-property information read and the new related to the new property information and address information of the one of the peripheral unit units~~when~~

~~determining that the peripheral unit has been replaced, or, when the property information read does coincide with the property information stored in the peripheral unit manager, storing the data accumulated in the peripheral unit with the new address information after setting the property information to correspond to the new address information when determining that the peripheral unit has not been replaced.~~

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The peripheral unit management method according to claim 4, wherein each peripheral unit comprises a main body having a first recording medium ~~that records to record~~ the property information and a board having a second recording medium ~~that records to record~~ the address information, wherein the board is inserted to and removed from the main body, ~~and the method further comprising:~~

~~performs performing a connecting function to the network to enable each peripheral unit to transmit the property information and the address information over the network, and the method further comprising:~~

~~reading the property information and the address information when the board is replaced; and~~

~~determining whether or not the main body of the peripheral unit has been replaced.~~

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The peripheral unit management method according to claim 4, wherein each peripheral unit comprises a main body, ~~not having a recording medium that records the property information and a board having a first recording medium that records to record~~ the property information and a second recording medium ~~that records to record~~ the address information, wherein the board is inserted to and removed from the main body and performs a connecting function to the network to enable each peripheral unit to transmit the property information and the address information over the network, and the method further comprising:

~~reading the property information and the address information of the peripheral unit, after the serial number has been set by an operational panel or the peripheral unit when the board is replaced; and~~

~~determining whether or not the main body of the peripheral unit has been replaced.~~

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A recording medium readable by a computer and used for a peripheral unit management method to manage a plurality of peripheral units by a peripheral unit manager via a network, wherein ~~each of the plurality of peripheral units has~~

~~corresponding~~the peripheral unit manager stores property information of ~~the peripheral unit and~~
address information corresponding to each peripheral unit to access the peripheral unit over the
network and each ~~of the peripheral unit units~~ is connected to the network to communicate
~~between with the peripheral unit manager and the other peripheral units~~, said medium having a
program recorded thereon ~~for making to make~~ the computer execute:

communicating with each of the peripheral units; and

reading the ~~corresponding~~ property information and the address information
~~corresponding to~~from each of the peripheral units;

determining ~~whether or not that~~ one of the peripheral units has been replaced ~~based~~
~~on when~~ the property information read does not coincide with the property information stored in
the peripheral unit manager, and of the peripheral units when detecting that the address
information of one of the peripheral unit units is new;

obtaining the new data-address information of the peripheral unit; and

when the property information read does not coincide with the property information stored
in the peripheral unit manager, storing the data-property information read and the new related to
~~the new property information and address information of the one of the peripheral unit units~~when
~~determining that the peripheral unit has been replaced, or, when the property information read~~
does coincide with the property information stored in the peripheral unit manager, storing the
data accumulated in the peripheral unit with the new address information after setting the
property information to correspond to the new address information ~~when determining that the~~
~~peripheral unit has not been replaced.~~

8. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The peripheral unit management system
according to claim 1, wherein the property information comprises the serial number of the
corresponding peripheral unit.